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GUIDED MISSILE AND ASTRONAUTICS INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

17 June 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, COMIREX

SUBJECT: KH-4 Mission Coverage of Soviet Strategic
Ballistic Missile Launch Complexes

1. The Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence Committee (GMAIC) is greatly concerned that postponement of the next KH-4 mission to September 1970 will seriously degrade the efficacy of NIE 11-8-70 scheduled for USIB approval in September. Furthermore, strategic weapons deployment information provided on a timely basis is necessary to those involved with SALT.

2. If the launch of KH-4 Mission 1111 is delayed beyond its original early August date, NIE 11-8-70 ICBM deployment statements will have to be based primarily on the March 1970 KH-4 Mission 1009 since coverage of the SS-9 ICBM deployed sites provided by Mission 1110 was largely incomplete. The GMAIC considers this unsatisfactory.

3. In view of the above, it is recommended that every effort be made to re-schedule KH-4 Mission 1111 for late July or early August [redacted]

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